

discrimination based on sex which should be investigated, they should certainly be dealt with separately from discriminations based on color, race, religion, or national origin.

The other additional provisions are the Rules of Procedure, contained in Section 102 on pages 2 to 10 of S. 83. These rules are considerably more restrictive than those imposed on regular committees of the House and Senate. There is much in them which clearly would be desirable. We have not as yet had any experience with the use of rules such as those proposed here and we cannot predict the extent to which they might be used to obstruct the work of the Commission. Favoring as I do the imposition of proper rules of procedures upon all governmental committees and commissions which conduct public hearings in order adequately to protect the individuals called before them, I am reluctant to take a stand opposing the imposition of the rules here involved. Yet I feel that the task to be given to this Commission is of such great public importance that it would be a mistake to make it the vehicle for experimenting with new rules--especially in view of the limited time which it will have to make its study. Furthermore I am confident that the caliber of the men whom the President would appoint to the Commission would be such that they would give the fairest opportunity to witnesses, and protect all of their legitimate rights. Hence, I would suggest the deletion of those rules from the bill. I have here a copy of S. 83 marked to show the deletions which I am recommending which I can make available to you, Mr. Chairman, if you would care to have it.

IV. Comment On Other Legislative Proposals

1. Voting rights.

S. 427 and S. 500 and Title I of the bill in Subcommittee print form contain provisions dealing with the protection of voting rights. We in the Department favor the draft contained in S. 83 rather than that contained in

